

**Keshena Community Meeting  
March 4, 2003 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Menominee Tribal Office Boardroom**

**1. Present:**

Joan Delabreau and Sarah Skubitz. Absent: Michael Chapman and Lisa Waukau. Also present: Ralph Lyons and Doug Cox.

**2. Chairman Joan Delabreau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

Ralph Lyons was present to ask about the letter he received about bidding for the concession stand at Smokey Falls. He brought in copies of paperwork showing that he purchased the concession stand at Smokey Falls from the Tribe in 1988.

Ralph believes that he should not have to bid on the operating of the concession stand when he already owns it. He owns the buildings but still has to lease the property.

Chairman Delabreau stated she will check into this and talk to Bernie in Community Development. They will have to find the original bill of sale and see how this was done.

Doug Cox from the Environmental Services department was present to inform the community about the European beetles that the County and the Tribe will be releasing into the area, to try and control the purple loosestrife problem.

The purple loosestrife is a non-native plant that is spreading over many wetlands of North America. The European beetle feeds only on the purple loosestrife and will hopefully control the spread of this plant.

The beetles have no natural predators and once they eat up a food source they will either move on to other purple loosestrife plants or die from starvation. There are concerns about if the beetles will be able to over winter but we should be able to see results in one season and they will be monitored for several years.

The county will be giving the tribe all of the supplies and beetles to start the project and between the two entities they will begin rearing the beetles for release. One site will be at Keshena Falls and the other will be at the forks by Old South Branch Road and VV.

Above us Langlade County is doing the beetle program and chemical treatments. They are indicating that chemical treatments are working better.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

As per legislative motion of March 6, 2003, the following concerns of Freida Bergeon are added to the Keshena Community Meeting minutes:

- Collaborative Council-MISD-MTL Language & Culture
- Press Conference promised from Tribal Chairman concerning naming investors for off-reservation gaming-where are we going with this.

- Meeting & Travel expenses of tribal legislature printed in the Tribal News.
- Update on meeting needs of Fire Department
- The construction work of the new highway department building, Keshena wastewater/treatment plant-do we employ tribal members.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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